

Citizens may ring Freedom Bell on July 4th

Citizens in Alabama may take part in a national event of ringing a bell for freedom on July 4 that will include thousands of people throughout the nation.

Richard A. Kemp II, public affairs chairman for the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, said the appeal for participants is part of a growing national, simultaneous celebration honoring freedom.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society, STAR, the "Let Freedom Ring" national bell-ringing ceremony recalls ringing of the Liberty

Bell on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia.

"Those participating will be entitled to a National Bell Ringing Roll of Honor Certificate," Kemp said. "The certificate will be sent by the Pennsylvania Society."

The bells will ring at 1 p.m. Central Daylight Saving Time in Alabama to coincide with the 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time ringing in Philadelphia.

Any patriotic citizen who has a bell to ring may join with the bells in church spires, fire stations, universities, carillons and state houses

to mark the start of the nation, Kemp said.

To obtain an application for the Roll of Honor Certificate, individuals may telephone Kemp at 774-9965. He will mail a form to the caller who is responsible for completion and submission to the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, 215 S. 16th St., Suite 27, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

Philadelphia is the site of Independence Hall where the Continental Congress met, and the home of the Liberty Bell.

Those who desire to participate may also telephone the Pennsylvania Society regarding their intentions at 1-800-330-1776

TODD

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of the AVEX NMA Chapter (AVMA) and has participated in many of its functions. He has been the monthly membership meeting speaker, addressing the current outlook for AVEX in the Global Market. He has been Class Facilitator for Professional Development Courses with a capacity enrollment and rave reviews for

his communication skills and team-building efforts.

Todd and his wife Dee Dee have been residents of Huntsville since 1984. They have two small children who keep them busy along with their full time careers. Todd's parents, Mack and Carolyn Westbrook reside in Elba.

Red Cross to offer classes

The Coffee County American Red Cross Chapter will have classes on the following subjects:

Health and Safety - CPR for the Professional Rescuer (CPR); First-time students - June 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., cost \$30; **First Aid** - today (June 18) - 6 - 9 p.m. Prices - \$25 - \$30;

Disaster Service - Shelter Operations - July 7, 9-12 a.m.; July 13, 6-9 p.m. - no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Babysitting Class - July 20 - 22, 9 a.m. - 12 noon; cost - \$20; must be at least 11 years old to attend. Class limited to 10 students.

Minimum class size is 6 students. Registration and payment if any are needed one day prior to scheduled date of class.

BASIN BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES SET

Basin Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 22 - 26, 6 - 8:30 p.m. There will be classes for age 3 - sixth grade.

Theme will be "Sunlight Island." Everyone welcome.

POST

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"large town services" in a small town facility atmosphere. This includes some of the express mail and overnight delivery services that before now have not been available to Elbians due to the size of the post office.

In commenting on the staff at the Elba facility, David said that he was pleasantly surprised. "It was better than I expected," he said.

"The employees here are very, very geared toward providing service to the customers. They care about them," said Pippo.

He added, "They also care about each other. They are a very close knit group. I will strive to make that even a little closer."

"Both the staff and the community have accepted me in a very open manner and this makes for a very

good relationship."

Filippo emphasized the fact that he will have an "open door" policy with both his employees and patrons of the post office.

The new postmaster has family (mother, father, sister, nieces & nephews) in Dothan. He is also a father with two grown children, a daughter and son, ages 21 and 23 respectively.

David's final comment was to extend a personal invitation to everyone to come by and say hello. He said, "The postal service is my life; therefore, that makes the customers a vital part of my life also."



HONOR STUDENTS from the Coffee County area were recognized recently during Enterprise State Junior College's annual Honors Day Assembly, and included were (l-r): Marcus Johnston, Elba; April Brooks, Arton; Brenda Danner, Brundidge; and Brent Spencer, New Brockton. These students must have completed 70 or more credit hours at ESJC while maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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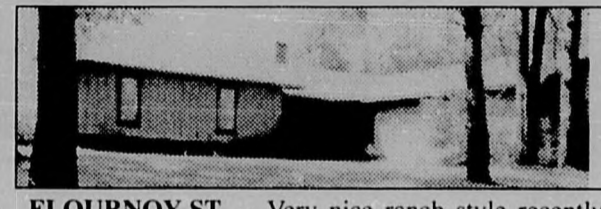
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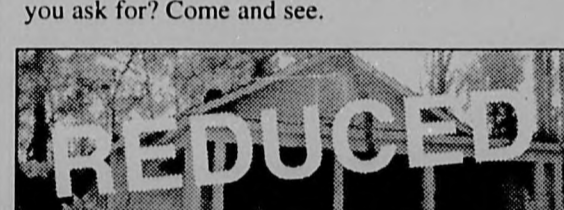
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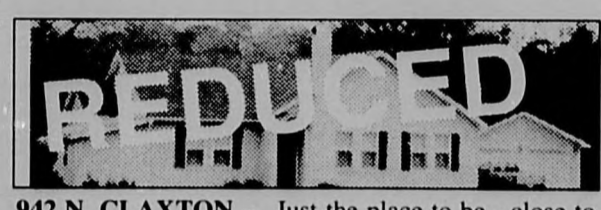
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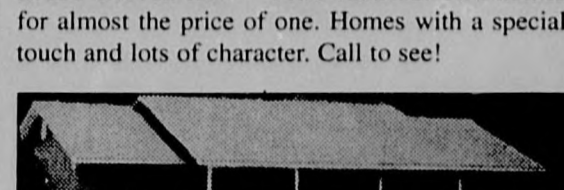
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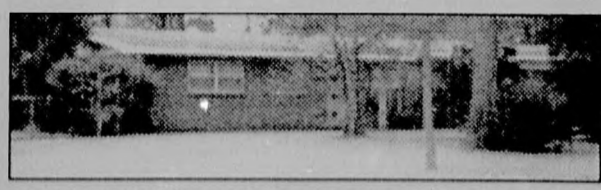
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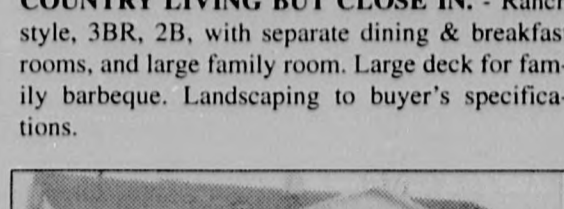
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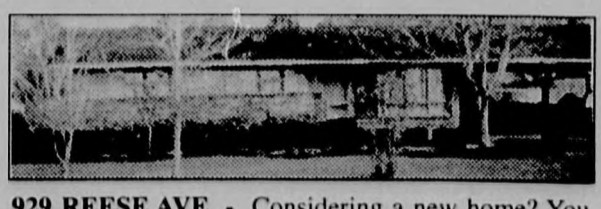
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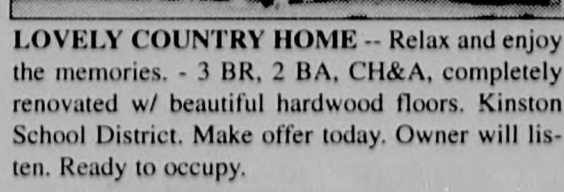
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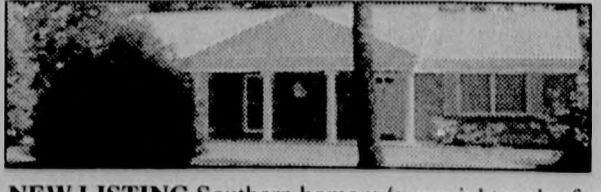
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Kelley Foods announces \$2.2 million expansion project

Kelley Foods broke ground Friday for another expansion to their ever growing business. This additional \$2.2 million expansion and 25,000 square feet of additional space will increase the company's plant size to over 100,000 square feet and the number of jobs, which accompany such an expansion.

The family owned company has grown from 10 employees and

\$263,000 in sales during their first year in 1957 to 100 employees and 1997 sales of \$31 million. They have survived many ups and downs with the Elba community, plus a 1962 fire which destroyed their meat packing plant. The facilities have been expanded nine times during the last 36 years and this latest expansion is expected to add about 35 more jobs during the next 5-10 years.

What was once a local custom meat slaughter/packing company is now a growing meat processor and food distributor with regular sales to institutional and retail customers in a 100 miles radius of Elba, including the Florida Panhandle.

Current owners of the company are Robert H. (Hollis) Kelley, Charles E. (Everette) Kelley, Dwight W. Kelley, Jerry W. Kelley, Edwin (Eddie) B. Kelley and Charles S. (Scott) Kelley. When the company was first started in 1957, owners included the father, and grandfather of the present owners, the late Lester Kelley as well as Max Glisson. What was originally Elba Packing Company, was changed in 1989 to Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc.

On hand to witness the ground



PART OF THE LARGE CROWD which attended the ground breaking ceremonies last Friday morning at Kelley Foods. The locally owned company is had nine facility expansions during the past 36 years.

Governor Fob James.

King, Elba native serving in Governor James cabinet, praised the expansion as, "Hometown Jobs for Hometown People." Along with his praising the expansion, King presented a \$30,000 check to the Elba Industrial Board to help with site preparation for the new construction. King also was on the receiving end of some shared experiences when Vice President Eddie Kelley told of some boy scout experiences

when Troy was an Elba teenager and Eddie served as assistant scout master.

Commissioner Robert Stephens, who was also a long time customer of the firm, used one of their advertising slogans to describe the expansion, "ooh so good!"

Senator Dwight Adams praised the high moral character and work ethic involved in the success of the company.

Representative Garrett Moore

Coffee County Commission has hot night meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Temperature-wise, it was a hot time at Monday evening's meeting of the Coffee County Commission. The air conditioning unit in the Community Room was not working properly.

The problem used to be the noise level in the meeting room - now it's the cooling! Maybe soon both problems will be solved, especially if temperatures continue to soar.

There are also about thirty residents of the county in attendance at Monday's meeting which added to the "problem." Warm bodies generate heat.

All-in-all, the conditions did have a positive effect - the commissioners moved through their agenda with added haste.

Earlier in the day, commissioners opened bids, and reviewed them, on

the repair of four (4) NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) flood repair sites and four (4) FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) flood repair sites. The awarding of the bids, according to commission policy, has to be made in a regular commission meeting; therefore, this was the first order of business.

Prior to the awarding of the bids, the commissioners passed, at the request of County Engineer Randy Tindell, a resolution authorizing the continuation of operating (awarding bids) under an emergency situation due to these repair projects being related to the March '98 flood.

Carter & Sons of Andalusia was awarded the bids to repair NRCS sites on Co. Rds. 466 and 404. Their bids were \$52,400.00 and \$62,495.00 respectively. On the other two sites located on Co. Rd. 263, W. W. Dyer of Hamilton, AL

was the low bidder at \$150,000.00. The bids were awarded on the contingency that NRCS will concur with the awarding of these bids.

The bid for the repair of the four (4) FHWA sites was awarded to F&W Construction Company of Ozark, AL in the amount of \$257,704.00. This bid was also awarded on the contingency that the FHWA will concur with the submitted bids.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns appeared before the commission to make his annual report of the condition or the amount of tax money collected by his office as required by Alabama law.

Burns reported that the county had collected \$6,155,225.85 (districts, municipalities, county and state's portion) for the year. Of those revenues, Coffee County received \$1,963,037.46.

Governor whistle-stop tour visits Elba

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A whirlwind tour of several southeast Alabama towns and cities brought Governor Fob James to Elba last Thursday morning.

Gov. James's two-bus caravan traveling with several support vehicles (campaign staffers) arrived in Elba at approximately 10:30 a.m. stopping at Elba's temporary city hall on Claxton Avenue.

There were approximately fifty individuals gathered at "city hall" to greet the governor and hear his comments concerning his bid for the nomination of the Republican Party for re-election as Governor of Alabama.

Mayor James Grimes welcomed the governor back to Elba (he and his wife Bobbie visited Elba immediately after the March 8th flood) when he stepped off the bus.

Gov. James wasted little time in meeting the crowd as he waded into the group shaking hands and pausing for pictures with several different people.

Soon after greeting the people he stepped back toward his bus and grabbed a microphone and got on his "stump" and began reassuring those gathered that he has not, and will not, impose any new taxes on the people of Alabama when he is re-elected governor.

On a more personal note, Gov. James assured the people of Elba that he had not forgotten his com-



Gov. James chats with Commission Chairman Robert Stephens

mitment to "fix" the levee so that Elba won't flood again as it did in March of '98 and '90.

He went on to remind the people that during his four years as governor he had gotten tough on crime. More than 200 new state troopers have been placed on the highways, additional correctional facilities constructed, and he's supported legislation and preventive programs aimed at curbing crime in the state.

The governor went on to say that he has made improving education for the state's children a top priority of his administration. Additional teachers have been hired, lowering the student-teacher ratio in the state's schools; he has worked to eliminate temporary classrooms,

and purchased 2,200 new school buses making student transportation safer.

James continued to voice his approval for prayer in public schools commenting on the right of a football coach to lead his players in a prayer before taking the field.

At the conclusion of his speech to the crowd, Governor James read an introduction that his Republican opponent, Winton Blount, gave him prior to his addressing a chamber of commerce meeting in 1995. The remarks were words of "high praise" for James. He "thanked WIN-TON" for those kind words.

The governor shook more hands, boarded his bus and headed north.

He also submitted a list of noncol-lectable taxes due to insolvents (businesses or corporations no longer in business) and litigations (tied up in court) that require the commission's approval. The total amount due to insolvency was \$914,16 and in litigation was \$55,64.

After hearing the revenue commissioner's report, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve it.

Dr. James Paul addressed the commission on behalf of the residents of Co. Rd. 157 - a dirt road which runs between Co. Rd. 156 (Boy Scout Road) and AL Hwy. 167. The majority of the evening meeting's "gallery" was made up of these residents.

"We're here tonight as a show of solidarity and unity about having our county road paved," he said. "I understand that because of the rains and floods we've had that the paving schedule for this year is going to be put off a little bit. That's understandable."

"But we are here to let everyone know that we are sincere about getting our road paved."

Paul expressed some concerns that he and some of the other landowners have about the right-of-way deeds. They want to be sure that the appropriate deeds have been signed and that the work will not be held up because of "paperwork."

County Engineer Tindell commented that the surveying of the road (locating the actual roadbed) can be done even if all the deeds have not been acquired.

After a short discussion, members of the commission assured Paul that they are committed to getting Co. Rd. 157 paved as soon as possible, and that all the proper paperwork (right-of-way deeds) will be obtained in a timely manner if it has not already been acquired.

Also on the agenda was Larry Cornell concerning Co. Rd. 155; however, he stated that his problem (whatever it was) had already been solved by Commissioner Kayo Lewis.

"He's educated everybody that was involved with the road the correct way to do things," said Cornell. He thanked the commission and sit down.

Sheriff Ben Moates addressed the commission and made a request for an allocation of funds in conjunction with the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. Also present was District Attorney Mark Fuller whose office oversees the operation of the

task force with the fund distribution provided by a matching grant from ADECA - Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) and administrative duties being handled by the Pike County Commission. The 12th Judicial Circuit is made up of Coffee and Pike counties.

Sheriff Moates told commissioners that a 10 percent matching grant has been made available to his office for equipment to be used by his deputy who serves as a member of the Drug Task Force. The amount of the grant is \$25,516.19 with the county's portion being \$2,551.61.

These monies will be used to purchase a vehicle and equip it for use by the deputy in performing his duties with the task force. Seventy-five percent of his salary is already being paid by a grant from ADECA.

Moates and Fuller explained that the funds that are being made available must be used before July 31st or they will be withdrawn.

Fuller told commissioners that not

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NEWS BRIEFS

Enterprise, AL was the scene of another murder last Saturday, June 20, Kenneth Hornsby, 27, of Enterprise was shot and killed outside Donald Apartments located on Bellwood Road across from Peavy Park. The shooting occurred at approximately 2:43 p.m. Mitchell Byron Doster, 22, of Arton, AL has been arrested and charged with murder and possession of a short-barreled shotgun. Also arrested and charged with possession of a short-barreled shotgun was Robert Ashley Clark, 26, of New Brockton, AL. Both men are in the Coffee County Jail. Allegedly the shooting occurred during an on-going domestic dispute.

According to Jackson W. Stokes, Chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Committee, R. W. Whitworth's challenge to the recent Democratic primary has been withdrawn. The official vote, incumbent Ben Moates - 2,001 and challenger R. W. Whitworth - 1,940, in the June 2nd Coffee County Sheriff's race will stand as recorded. No further explanation as to why Whitworth withdrew his challenge was given.

Area Happenings

REPUBLICAN PARTY RUN-OFF The Republican Party's run-off in the primary election will be held Tuesday, June 30, 1998. The only names appearing on the ballot locally will be Fob James, Winton Blount, Bruce Armistead, and Kelli Wise. The election will determine the Republican's nominee for Governor and Public Service Commission, Place 1. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and remain open until 6:00 p.m.

RABIES CLINIC A rabies clinic for dogs and cats only will be held Saturday, June 27, at the Farm Center in New Brockton from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost for vaccination is \$8.00 per animal.

HRDC FACILITY OPEN Mary Phillips, director of HRDC, stated that the facility will be open every day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens to come in from the heat (if they don't have air conditioning). The facility is located at 127 Factory Street in Elba. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 897-2667.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION The Coffee County American Red Cross will recognize all local Red Cross volunteers at the Enterprise Civic Center on July 11, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All local Red Cross Volunteers including Board Members, Health and Safety Instructors, Disaster Service Volunteers, and anyone who provided service during the recent flooding are invited to attend. Reservations are required by July 3, 1998. For more information and/or reservations call (334)347-2461.

EARNING BY LEARNING READING PROGRAM The new Earning by Learning Reading Program began Monday, June 22nd, and will continue through the summer. The program involves students in grades 2 through 5 with check-out times between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. at the Elba Public Library. Students receive \$2.00 per book read. For more information call 347-1426.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There is another election next Tuesday ... that is for those voting Republican. However there are only two races on the ballot. One of those is between two almost unknowns vying for a seat on the Public Service Commission. The other race is the one drawing the attention - the race for the Republican nomination for governor. Incumbent Fob James was forced into a run-off with his former friend and supporter, Winton Blount. Many of us who refuse to be cross over voters in primary elections are still itching to get into the voting booth next Tuesday! We made our decision the first time around, feeling a strong responsibility to speak in some Democrat nominations. That would be done the same way if doing it over again, but still ... we wanted to vote for Fob.

It was exciting to be on hand last Friday morning for the groundbreaking ceremonies at Kelley Foods. It is always good to see local folks do good and this was especially heart warming because the various members of the Kelley family are always out front doing things for their neighbors, the community and their respective churches. Often these good deeds are done on the quiet and only a handful of people know they were even involved. Their reward is the warm feeling that goes with helping plus the points they are collecting up with the Man upstairs.

It is amazing how extreme the weather reversals can be. Just a few months ago the town of Elba was flooding and farmers were bemoaning the fact they couldn't get enough dry weather to put their crops in the ground. Now Elba is hot and dry and farmers are sitting by and watching their crops wither and dry from lack of rain. Oh, we have had a few light showers during the past couple of weeks, but not enough to relieve the situation. Now after all that complaining, we are thankful that South Alabama does not have the wildfire problems our friends in Central Florida are having. They have all our dry problems but have been blessed with fires, fires and more fires.

Americans usually accept something as fact if they get their computer going and get the information on the internet. However it is not always accurate, some is misleading on purpose ... examples would be the rage of political misinformation going around this year. An example of a true mistake would be the "Excite" stock market report last Wednesday. Just before going to Dorsey Trailers for an interview with the head lady, we dialed up that web site for the latest on Dorsey stock, etc. and there was a report that 6.8 million shares had sold that day. Now that is exciting news and we were about to get the first public interview after that huge sale! But, alas, we also knew that there were only about five million shares outstanding in the whole company, and there was the other side of the report showing the stock selling for something over \$3,000 a share. When the dust settled and we cross referenced that information with another web site, the amount of stock sold was 6,800 ... someone got their decimals in the wrong place. Even on the internet, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably ain't true.

Usually we are not complainers about fast food restaurants ... you get what you pay for. However, last Sunday Heddy and I went to visit my mother in the nursing home but she was asleep when we got there. It was hot weather and we agreed to let her sleep a while longer and for us to stop at one of those well known fast food places for something cold to drink. This facility, a national chain by the way, was a mess, even at 4:00 in the afternoon. There were dirty tables, dirty floors and the flies were terrible. Oh, and there was one nice person trying to work the counter and a half dozen in the kitchen trying to out talk each other. We filled out one of those postage paid cards and sent it into the home office. Being a person of strong convictions, we also signed our name and included a mailing address and phone number, so this was not an anonymous complaint ... it was from the heart and included nice comments about the young lady working the counter by herself.

Elba folks are continuing to show signs of confidence in the home-town community. Recently completed was a shiny new metal building on West Simmons Street which is housing the car wash that had been in a temporary structure. It sure looks nice and Elba folks should take a moment to let them know their efforts are appreciated.

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Why do we have two-year colleges in this state

by Dr. Fred Gains, Chancellor
Alabama Dept. of
Postsecondary Education

The one thing that most characterizes our time is change. Once upon a time we used to describe it as rapid change. For a while we referred to it as substantial change, but now there is no denying it - it is radical change.

Every day our environment is changing radically. The demographics of our society are changing radically. The economy is changing radically. The social values and lifestyles in our society are changing radically. The technology of our society is changing radically. In an environment where so much change is happening so often, those who have not learned that we will need to continue learning throughout life have no survival skills. That is why we have two-year colleges.

Consider, for example, that our society in the future will be a "mosaic society." All aspects of American society will reflect minority population growth. According to the most recent census, in the late 1990s the Asian population in the United States grew 108 percent. The Hispanic population grew 53 percent; the Black population grew 13 percent, and the U.S. white population grew 6 percent.

The workplace in which young adults will operate will continue to become increasingly multi-cultural, reflecting a similar change in communities and other institutions in our society. Just 9 percent of new workers during the next decade will be non-Hispanic white males. This new more heterogeneous society will create new opportunities and will generate new challenges and

tensions. Learning how to perform in a multi-cultural work environment will be critical. That is why we have two-year colleges.

The economy of our society in the future will be characterized by transition and dislocation, by a competition for global wealth, and by equal access to technologies. Those economies which succeed will be characterized by the ability of their workforce to meet world class standards. Improved productivity by itself will not necessarily provide a competitive advantage. Advantage will come from the capacity to produce and deliver customized quality and variety in a timely and affordable fashion.

This economic transition can only occur with a highly educated front-line workforce. The key industries of society will all be "brain power" industries - micro-electronics, biotechnology, civilian aviation, ceramics/composites, robots and machine tools, and computers and software. Unfortunately, opportunities for success outside of these areas will shrink drastically.

Temporary part-time workers already make up a full 25 percent of the U.S. workforce. In constant dollars, male high school graduates aged 20-24 earn 25 percent less than their counterparts earned 15 years ago. Most routine, manual kinds of jobs are being eliminated by technology. The average worker now works six more hours per week than in 1973.

Over the past 20 years employee satisfaction has diminished for every major aspect of a job including salary, benefits, hours, and personal satisfaction for all but those workers possessing specialized knowledge and skills. Only through

a commitment to continuing education and a realization of the need for lifelong learning in order to maintain high skills in the workforce will society prosper. That is why we have two-year colleges.

Advances in parallel processing, software development, micro-electronics, photonics, and nanotechnology have announced the dawn of the information age. Telecommunication of information will increasingly take the form of machine-to-machine communication. Computers with artificial intelligence will screen and limit information as the amount and speed of data transmission increase.

Scientists are creating massive parallel computers in an attempt to move away from sequential thinking, and engineers are beginning to program human experience into software. We have become the first species able to influence and shape our own biological future through genetic technology. A protein-based computer chip has been developed which has the potential for reproducing itself. Researchers will soon be able to custom build single mole-

cules that can store and process information and manipulate or fabricate other molecules, including themselves. Technicians hold the future of society. That is why we have two-year colleges.

We stand on the threshold of a new and very different society. A society where not using or not having the opportunity to achieve lifelong learning and the skills to use technology will be a liability. Society will continue to become more mental than muscular. Unless Alabamians have learned how to learn and have learned the importance of continuing to learn throughout life, this new society may be a hostile environment.

In order for us to help ourselves, and in order for us to help others in society, it is essential that we develop the specialized knowledge and skills which will allow us to function in this new society, where the knowledge and skills which will allow us to adapt and survive will be outdated in a year or two. Broad-based access to postsecondary education is essential. That is why we have two-year colleges.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 15th Thru June 21st, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 15, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two criminal mischiefs, three harassments, one assault, one forgery, one arson, one property damage, one stolen vehicle, three thefts of property, two DULs, and one burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for assault, and one for theft of property. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving without a driver's license, one for running a stop sign, one for speeding, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
Monday, June 15 - River stage - 3.04 feet (6:38 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in Hardee's parking lot (10:20 a.m.); Rescue run to wreck on AL Hwy. 875 (5:30 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 875 (5:30 p.m.); Coffee EMS dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 875 (5:52 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87N (9:25 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (9:26 p.m.); Coffee Co. EMS made transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (10:37 p.m.).

Tuesday, June 16 - Alarm at Big/Little East (12:23 a.m.); River stage - 2.97 feet (6:30 a.m.); Coffee Co. EMS answered a call to a residence on Brunson St. (9:43 a.m.); Coffee Co. EMS made a transfer from Elba General Hospital to Medical Center Enterprise (4:36 p.m.); Coffee Co. EMS answered a call to a residence on AL Hwy. 87S (8:35 p.m.); Disturbance reported on King Circle (9:06 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to woods fire on Co. Rd. 415 (9:40 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Old Samson Road (11:44 p.m.).

Wednesday, June 17 - Domestic disturbance reported on Reese Ave. (2:53 p.m.); River stage - 2.91 feet (6:45 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (7:54 p.m.).
Thursday, June 18 - River stage - 2.86 feet (7:04 a.m.); Routine activity.
Friday, June 19 - Disturbance reported on West Davis St. (1:48 a.m.); River stage 2.85 (6:21 a.m.); Coffee EMS answered a call to a residence in the Curtis Community (9:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a transfer to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (10:38 p.m.).
Saturday, June 20 - River stage - 2.99 feet (7:45 a.m.); Burglary reported on W. Davis St. (7:54 a.m.); Coffee Co. EMS made transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (3:40 p.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods of Alabama (4:07 p.m.); Wreck reported on the Flats Road (9:50 p.m.); Coffee Co. EMS dispatched to wreck on Flats Road (9:58 p.m.).
Sunday, June 21 - Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (12:04 a.m.); River stage - 3.12 feet (7:02 a.m.); Burglary and possible fight reported on Reynolds St. (11:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to residence on Guyton St. (1:52 p.m.); Coffee Co. EMS made transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (3:35 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 189N (5:18 p.m.); Individual reported with a gun near Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (7:19 p.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbeque (10:23 p.m.).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Winton Blount's allegations that Gov. Fob James instructed state agencies/departments to conduct business with the landfill owned by the James family. At no time has the governor, any member of his family, or his administration even remotely hinted at such an action, much less directed it to be done.

Gov. James' honesty, integrity and character are beyond reproach. These shameless and groundless charges to the contrary are premeditated lies, obviously constructed by political hired guns who insult the intelligence of the people of Alabama.

Allow me to tell you what Gov. James' DID instruct the Dept. of Transportation to do. From day one the governor's orders were to treat all citizens of this state with courtesy and respect ... find the waste and cut it ... find the productivity and build on it ... demand and ensure that every dollar spent delivers a full dollar's worth of service ... save every penny possible and redirect those savings to more construction, maintenance and service.

I am extremely proud to report to you that Gov. James' instructions have been and continue to be complied with, and the results speak for themselves. In just the past 27 months alone, DOT has achieved cost savings in excess of \$127 million by practicing the management procedures put forth by Gov. James. These savings have enabled us to build more roads and bridges, lay more asphalt, provide more maintenance and increased services to the taxpayers of this state. Thanks to Gov. James, DOT is more efficient and producing more today than ever before, with no new taxes!

Sincerely,
JIMMY BUTTS
Director

Dear Editor,

I don't see many letters from women in your column. But, here goes. I know Gov. Fob James is not perfect, but he has done more for Alabama than he gets credit for. No new taxes - he has kept his promise. But how?

He has improved the efficiency of state government; he has saved "us," the taxpayers, \$120 million a year by cutting 4600 unnecessary state jobs; he reduced by 700 the number of state vehicles; he reduced his own staff by 15 percent - that alone comes close to \$500,000 a year. By reducing the state Finance Dept., Gov. James saved the taxpayers over \$1 million each year. In Education, since Gov. James took office, we have a lower number of students per teacher, 2500 new school buses, an allotment of

\$4,000 per student each year for every school district.

You say, "Where is this money?" That is determined by our own school board or district's management or mismanagement.

Teachers' salaries have increased - this means that better qualified people will take teaching positions. In 1997 for the first time in Alabama, our students exceeded the national average in all grades and subjects. Gov. Fob James has made some positive steps in returning integrity to our judicial system. One of these, things is adding non-lawyers to the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

Morally, Gov. James has made no bones about where he stands on the issues that affect the family. Family is important to him. He also made an open stand about prayer in schools.

Shouldn't we all research the issues and see where our candidates stand, instead of listening to negative political attacks? I know where Gov. James stands - and I stand behind him. Sincerely,

BONNIE E. MERRITT
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**EXPRESS
YOUR VIEWS
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TO THE EDITOR**

Meek continues flood recovery porcess

The Coffee County Extension System has received funding to establish a satellite office in Elba as part of its ongoing efforts to aid flood victims in the area.

"Patsy Meek has been hired on contract as a full-time agent and will work with Elba residents and other victims in the flood-ravaged areas of Coffee County," says Sandra Coffey, Coffee County Extension coordinator.

Meek will work closely with the Wiregrass Interfaith Disaster Recovery Committee in helping meet the needs of disaster victims. "Helping residents restore flood-damaged homes remains the most critical need at this point," Coffey says.

"There still are many homes that have not been repaired and cleaned properly," she says. "In some cases, families may have money for repairs but not enough to pay for the actual labor."

One of Meek's primary tasks will be identifying displaced homeowners with these kinds of problems and matching them with public and/or private agencies best suited to meet their particular needs. Currently, Meek is traveling throughout the county identifying the most critical needs.



Patsy Meek

there is a critical need. More than 110 homes and 400 businesses were damaged when floodwaters poured through Elba last March.

Although the flood isn't considered as severe as the one in 1994, Coffey says many elderly people and low-income people living in the downtown region of Elba suffered significant damage.

Anyone who needs assistance in the flood recovery process should contact Meek at 897-8658.

CARDS OF THANKS

BOWERS THANK YOU

The family of ARKIE BOWERS would like to express our appreciation to everyone who sent food, flowers, or performed other acts of kindness during the death of our loved one. May God bless each and everyone of you. 6-25-1tc

GRIMES THANK YOU

We would like to thank the many people who comforted Bernice

AREA DEATHS

GLADYS B. CALHOUN

Mrs. Gladys B. Calhoun, age 75, of Elba, died June 22, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held June 24, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Ruby N. Lawson and Rev. Chester Holley officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include two daughters: Judy A. Thomas and Betty Rodger, both of Elba; two sons: Jimmy L. Calhoun and Larry A. Calhoun, both of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother: Bud Boswell, Dothan; 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

ELMER "Tobo" COOK

Mr. Elmer "Tobo" Cook, age 54, of Brantley, died June 22, 1998, at Crenshaw Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were held June 24, 1998, at 4:30 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Travis Johnson officiating. Burial was in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, near Brantley, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Helen Cook, Brantley; son and daughter-in-law: William Paul and Sherry Cook, Brantley; two sisters: Rose Hughes, Brantley, and Ellen Bryan, Elba.

ROBBIE GRAHAM

Mrs. Robbie Graham, age 93, of Rt. 2, Troy, died June 19, 1998, in the Elba Nursing Home. Funeral services were held June 21, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with burial following in the St. John Baptist Church Cemetery, Brundidge. Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include two sons: James Samson, Graham, Troy; Henry Clayton Graham, Columbus, Ga.; two daughters: Wynell Jacobs Gower, Phenix City, and Jimmie Jean Maddox, Troy; 13 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

R.D. (Dick) JACKSON

Mr. R.D. (Dick) Jackson, age 92, of Enterprise, died June 21, 1998, in

Enterprise. Graveside services were held June 23, 1998, at 11 a.m. in New Brockton City Cemetery, with Rev. Rex Henderson officiating, and Seary Funeral Home directing. Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Jackson. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Alvalene and Jack Reynolds, Panama City, Fla.; Peggy and Jug Mixon, New Brockton, Lou and Bobby Meredith, Enterprise; Debra Jackson, Dothan; two sons and daughters-in-law: Billy and Carol Jackson; Carl and Brenda Jackson, Enterprise; two sisters: Bonnie Smith, Elba; Irma Richards, Jack; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

LOIS SASSER SMITH
Lois Sasser Smith, age 83, of Elba, died June 17, 1998, at Elba General Hospital.

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• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

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COMMUNITY

Elba Dancers featured in "Evening of Dance"

"A Department Store" was the theme for the 1998 "Evening of Dance" at the Dorothy Rainer Sellers School of Dance performed June 5 and 6 in the Opp High School auditorium.

Pictured are Elba students in the higher divisions of the school.

(Also performing were the

following ELBA STUDENTS from the Lower Divisions: Sydney Brunson, Katie Cash, Savannah Sikes, Caitlin White, Whitney Davis, Maeghann Hawthorne, Meredith Brunson, Shelby Brunson, Rachel Morrow, Lindsey Smith, and Bethany Wilson.)



SUPER TAP SHOES from the SHOE DEPARTMENT are worn by Anna Head, a member of the Senior Group and Honor Group.



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LIFESTYLES

Mrs. Kyles honored with bridal shower Sarah Elizabeth Moody celebrates 11th birthday recently



PICTURED ABOVE: Mrs. Carlos Smith, Mrs. Ollie Peterson, Mrs. KaTonya Kyles, honoree; Mrs. Nadean White, Mrs. Joana Ellard.



Sarah Elizabeth Moody (Lisa) Moody

Sarah Elizabeth (Lisa) Moody of Hoover, celebrated her 11th birthday June 23. Lisa and her sisters, Katie and Allie, spent three weeks with their grandmother, Sara Moody of Elba, returning home on June 19. Lisa will be in the sixth grade at Berry Middle School in Hoover next school year.

Deadline For Social New Is Monday!!

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. KaTonya Kyles (nee KaTonya Peterson) was held June 13 at the fellowship hall of New Zion Baptist Church, Elba.

The entry door was decorated with an arrangement of beautiful white wedding bells, adorned with emerald green bows on each side.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Barbara Tillis and presented to the receiving line which consisted of the honoree; Mrs. Carlos Smith, and Miss Fabrika Tillis.

Ms. Lori Smith, friend of the bride, registered guests at a table decorated with a white linen cloth with a white lace overlay. In the center of the table was a dual crystal candleholder with emerald and white candles and emerald bows.

Guests were directed to the serving tables for refreshments of punch and finger foods.

The refreshment tables were decorated with white linen cloths, with the punch bowl being the focal point, decorated with ivy greenery, bunches of bronzed grapes and white doves on either side.

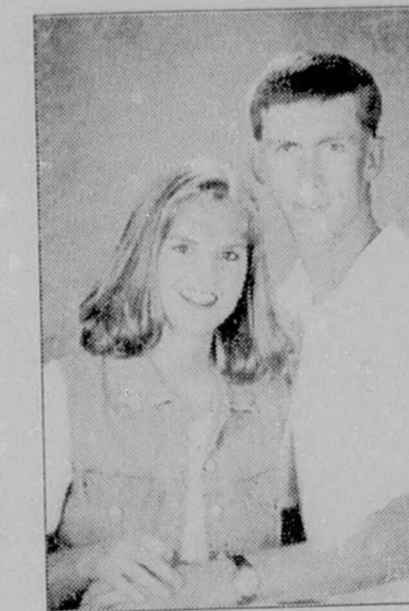
Guest tables were decorated with ivy greenery and brass candleholders beautifully arranged on white linen cloths with emerald bows on each corner.

The hostesses presented KaTonya with a queen comforter set, 8-piece cookware set, dinnerware for 4 and a set of glass bowls.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Gussie Adams, Mrs. Charlotte Crittenden, Mrs. Patti Culver, Mrs. Joana Ellard, Mrs. Johnnie McBride, Mrs. Mary H. Robinson, Mrs. Margaret Rowe, Mrs. Carlos Smith, Mrs. Barbara Tillis, Mrs. Nadean White, and Mrs. Edwina Williams.

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Nunn-Wise wedding will be on July 3



Miss Winstead, Mr. Carnley

Mr. Dwight Nunn of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bechtold of Panama City, Fla., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacy Jean Nunn, to Ashley Michael Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Wise of Jacksonville, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sondergaard of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Ziglar of Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Foley and Cecil Nunn of Elba.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smart of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wise of Branford, Fla. The wedding will take place July 3 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Pine Level, Ala.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Maddox Reunion planned for June 27th



Amy Reeves

Amy Reeves graduates Magna cum Laude

Amy Nedreia Reeves, a 1995 graduate of Kinston High School, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

She finished her four-year course of studies within three years, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations.

Reeves was listed on the Provost Honor Roll and the National Dean's List. She was selected to represent her university as junior head delegate to the Model United Nations Conference. She also served as first director of a program that taught local foreign high school students the English language.

Her marriage will take place Aug. 7, at 7 o'clock in the evening at Ino Baptist Church.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Smedley named to LaGrange Society

Leroy Smedley, a sophomore computer information systems major at the University of North Alabama, has been named to the LaGrange Society at the university.

Members of LaGrange serve as official hosts and hostesses.

Smedley, son of Marion and Joyce Jones, and a graduate of Elba High School, is a second-year member of the Society.

Red Cross to offer Classes

The Coffee County American Red Cross Chapter will have classes on the following subjects:

Health and Safety - CPR for the Professional Rescuer (CPRP); First-aid students - June 30, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., cost \$30;

Disaster Service - Shelter Operations - July 7, 9-12 a.m.; July 13, 6-9 p.m. - no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Babysitting Class - July 20 - 22, 9 a.m. - 12 noon; cost - \$20; must be at least 11 years old to attend. Class limited to 10 students.

Minimum class size is 6 students. Registration and payment if any are needed one day prior to scheduled date of class.

Register at ESJC

Registration is now open for fall term at Enterprise State Junior College, and current and potential students may plan their courses and register.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

This was our first Father's Day without Dad. So, the local Mularz family made the trek down to Mobile over the weekend to visit Mom and drop off some cards and memories at the cemetery. In years past it never seemed all that important to mail Dad a card, and it was a lot easier just to call him up and wish him a happy Father's Day over the phone. After all, he was Dad, and dads are tough and really don't go for all that sentimental stuff. This year was different, however, and making certain Dad got a card and a medal was my #1 priority. In years past a simple phone call seemed to be enough, but never again, not since he is gone. Did you call your Dad Sunday? I sure wish I could have called mine!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

***The Dixie Boys All-Star teams will hit the road for the long ride up to Highland Home this weekend to compete in the Sub-District Tournament for both the 13- and 14-year-old All-Stars. The Dixie Boys All-Star teams have struggled since making the move over from Babe Ruth three years ago, but the league appears to be solid and this year should make some noise in the tournaments. I know there are no short cuts to Highland Home, but I do urge all family, friends and fans to make the trip and support these teams. They certainly deserve it.

***The four All-Star teams from the Elba Girls Softball League will also be on the road this weekend, with the various teams set to compete in tournaments in Andalusia, Daleville, Enterprise and Eufaula. The girls had a very busy season and played a lot of games, and they too deserve the support of all their families, friends and fans. Make a trip to one of the tournaments and let the youngsters know you appreciate their dedication and pride.

***The Alabama-Mississippi high school football game was played last weekend in Mobile and very few fans braved the rainy weather to watch the Mississippi team post a 9-0 win. The Alabama team was supposed to light up the scoreboard behind the passing of Tyler Watts, but the rain and a lack of anything resembling an offense did in the state stars. I know the game helps out some charities and is fun for those involved; however, football in June will never catch on in the South, especially when the temp is near 100 degrees.

Elba's Dixie Minor and Youth All-Stars Teams announced

DIXIE MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League concluded its season last week and announced its "All-Star" team that will represent the league in the upcoming Sub-District Baseball Tournament in Samson.

The 1998 All-Stars include LaRay Williams, Lonzo Cook, Mason Guiley, Colton Creel, Timothy Jackson, Nathan Calhoun, Mark Windham, Lewis Johnson, Adam White, Drew Parker, Stephen Hines, Tad Adams and Luke Simmons. The team will be coached by A.R. Williams, Tony Calhoun and Keith Parker.

DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE ALL-STARS

The Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League has announced its All-Star

team that will represent the league in July at the Sub-District Baseball Tournament, to be held in Elba.

The members of the Elba Nationals include Derrick Thomas, Colby Capps, Matthew Curran, Ralston Moore, Brett Horton, Ryan Gibbs, Zach Legg, Jessie Thigpen, Wesley Grant, Clark Skinner, Brandon Wilson, Heath Parker and Chad Williams. The coaches will be Freddie Thomas, Rachel Moore and Marty Carrett.

The members of the Elba Americans include Jason Danley, Layton Griffin, Justin Thomas, Drew Donaldson, Tyler Simmons, Mitch Downing, Channon Stuckey, Eric Bowers, Bryan Allums, Josh White, Ozzie Crawford, Lance Wood and T.J. Winters. The coaches will be Joe Simmons, Jody Stuckey and Leslie Griffin.

Dixie Boys 13 & 14 Year-olds in tournament play

13 YEAR-OLDS OPEN TOURNAMENT PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT IN HIGHLAND HOME

The Elba Dixie Boys "13-year-old All-Stars" will begin Sub-District play on Friday, June 26, in Highland Home, when they battle the host Highland Home All-Stars at 8:00 PM.

The All-Stars will take the field again on Saturday, June 27, and will play at 2:00 if they lose their open-

er, and at 6:00 if they win the opening round game.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Ken English, Jessica Summerlin and Terry Medley, and team members include Chris Summerlin, Jason Curran, Brandon Arnold, Kyle English, Joseph Sawyer, Jody McCormick, Colby Skinner, Justin Allen, Sam Wambles, Dusty Medley, Lanorris Smith, Michael Rayburn and Blake Lambert.

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Reds win Coach-Pitch's annual tournament

The Elba Coach-Pitch Baseball League concluded its season this week with its annual tournament, and taking home the championship in the five-team event were the Reds.

The Giants placed second, while the Rays and Indians tied for third and the Cubs placed fifth.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

***The Rays pulled ahead early and held on to edge past the Cubs 8-6. The Rays jumped out to an early 5-2 lead, and turned back a late Cubs rally to post the win. Caleb Bannin got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rays, while Will Gray, Merrill Curran, LeHill Shirley and Andrew Head all added 2 hits. Josh Maddox got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cubs, while Jason Williamson and Aaron Harsell both added 3 hits. Dekembe Bullard got 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Judd Williamson collected 2 hits.

***The Reds used a big first inning to grab the lead and rolled to a 21-10 win over the Rays. The Rays jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of

the first, but the Reds answered with 12 runs in the bottom of the frame to take command and rolled to the win. Don Rhoades got 4 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Reds, while Graham Morrow and Aaron Drewery both got 3 hits and scored 2 runs.

Matthew Gibson and Justin Pike both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Deon Turner, Trey Belcher and Phu-Quann Hill all added 3 hits; and Trey Martin, Chris Salter, Kevin Allen and Caleb Davis all added 2 hits. John Jared and LeHill Shirley both got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rays, while Matthew Brunson and Caleb Bannin added 3 hits each, and Jamison Baker, Will Gray and Andrew Head all added 2 hits.

***The Giants exploded to score 20 runs in their final two at-bats to stage a wild rally and post a 20-17 win over the Indians. The Indians owned a 14-2 lead after three innings and appeared to be headed into the championship game, but the Giants scored 8 runs in the fourth to pull within 16-10, and then pushed across 10 runs in the fifth to take the

lead for good. Austin Preston and Michael Jackson both got 4 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Giants, while Dimetrio Tyson and Deymond Williams both added 4 hits and scored 2 runs; Devin Jackson, Donte Tillis and Ashley Sanders all added 3 hits and scored 2 runs; Zack Boutwell got 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and C.J. Johnson added 2 hits. Josh Roberts got 4 hits and scored 4 runs; and Kevin Allen, Caleb Davis, Deon Turner and Phu-Quann Hill all added 2 hits. Dimetrio Tyson got 3 hits to lead the Giants, while Austin Preston, Michael Jackson, Deymond Williams and Zack Boutwell all added 2 hits.

Elba basketball players to compete in eastern regional competition

Elba's Eric Jordan and Lindsey Jared have both been selected to participate in the prestigious United States Eastern Regional basketball competition for the summer of 1998.

The two Elba High juniors will represent Alabama in the 1998 United States Eastern Regional Championships on July 6-12, in Columbus, Ohio.

Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the USA Junior Nationals provide one of the top amateur competitions in the nation, and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national, and international competition. The

program is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through organized competition, and information about the athletes is provided to educational institutions throughout the United States.

USA Junior Nationals offer a one-day competition at 24 sites throughout the country beginning in the fall and continuing in the spring, with competitions scheduled throughout the South, Midwest, East and West coasts. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, competitive spirit and good sportsmanship advance to the next level of play, which is the United States eastern Regional, in Columbus, Ohio.

There will also be an arts and

Mckinnon named to UNA's 50th Anniversary Team

Former Elba High School stand-out Ronald Mckinnon is among 56 players that have been named to the University of North Alabama's 50th Anniversary Football Team.

The selection of the 50th Anniversary Team is the kick-off event for the celebration of the anniversary of the rebirth of football at North Alabama in 1949, and team members will be honored on October 17 as part of the Lions 1998 Homecoming activities.

The players selected for the 50th Anniversary Team, who chosen from more than 1,000 players who have dressed out in the Purple and Gold at UNA since 1949, with two players selected at each position, along with ties.

Mckinnon, who was selected for the team at linebacker, lettered from 1992-95 and was named to the NCAA Division II "Team of the Quarter Century" and to the Gulf South Conference "Team of the Quarter Century." He was named the GSC Defensive Player of the Quarter Century and was the first defensive player ever to win the Harlon Hill Trophy as the NCAA

Division II National Player of the Year. In 1995 he became the fifth, three-time consensus All-American in Division II history, and was just the third player in GSC history to be named first-team All-GSC for four straight years. Mckinnon was also named the GSC Defensive Player of the Year two straight years, and played on teams that combined to post a 48-5-1 record and won three straight GSC titles and three straight Division II National Championships. He is currently a starting linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals, of the National Football League.

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Elba Girl's All-Star Softball Teams travel far and near for tournament play

10 AND UNDER ALL-STARS TRAVEL TO EUFAULA

The Elba "10 and Under" Girls All-Stars will compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament this weekend at Eufaula.

The Elba All-Stars will begin play on Friday night at 8:00 PM against the Dothan National Red, and if they win will play again on Saturday at 9:00 AM against Troy. An opening round loss will put the All-Stars in the loser's bracket for a 10:30 AM match-up on Saturday morning against Enterprise. Opp or Greenville.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Ricky Mularz, Laura Baxley and Melinda Lee, and team members

include Stephanie Baxley, Summer Strickland, Leslie Flowers, Kendall Strinson, Melanie Mularz, Keri Hobbs, Lindsey Tiller, Brittany Hudson, Elena McCormick, Kayla Kelley, Tesha Lee, Haley Strinson, Casey Medlock and Kayla Byrd.

12 AND UNDER ALL-STARS TRAVEL TO COMPETE IN DALEVILLE

The Elba "12 and Under" Girls All-Stars will compete this weekend in Daleville in the 1998 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament.

The Elba All-Stars will begin play on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM against the winner of the Enterprise-Dothan American contest. An opening round win would move the All-

Stars into a 1:30 PM battle against either Geneva, Greenville or Daleville, while an opening round loss would move the All-Stars into the loser's bracket, where they would face either Opp or the Dothan National Blues at 11:00 AM.

The All-Stars are coached by Rob Paul, Michelle Cooper and Gary Allen, and team members include Marcella Lowman, Amanda Richardson, Alison Smith, Emily Paul, Ashley Gibson, Rha'shonda Flowers, Cassy Cooper, Kristin Barnes, Mallory Allen, Whitney Lawford, Lyndsay Lawford, LeeAnn Prigden, Michelle Carpenter and Amanda Estrada.

14 AND UNDER ALL-STARS JOURNEY TO ANDALUSIA

The Elba "14 and Under" All-Stars will compete this weekend at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament, to be held in Andalusia.

The All-Stars will begin play on Friday night at 8:00 PM against New Brockton, and if they win will play again on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM against Enterprise. An opening round loss will move the opening round loss will move the All-Stars into a 10:15 AM game Saturday morning against either Opp, Dothan Southern or Dothan National.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Mike Sanders and Steve Williams, with team members including Samantha Williams, Danae Ware, Deann Smith, Melissa Sanders, Gretta Harrison, Larina Mack, Devi Kilcrease, Heather Hudson,

Brittany Daniels, Charley Barlow, Betty Hill, Lotoya Tyson and Stacy Chism.

The All-Stars are coached by Earl McCollough, Mike Jared and Ricky Mularz, and team members include Melissa Mularz, Raeanne McCollough, Roshanda McKinnon, Michelle Lewis, Katie Vaughan, Kendra Vaughan, Lindsey Jared, Vaughan Boyd, Tara Grant, Kristen Bowden, Leslie Strinson, Denise Cooper, Brittany Mobley and Aubretta Williams.

The Elba "16 and Under" Girls All-Stars will compete this weekend in Enterprise at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament.

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23 Annual Domino Tournament Set for July 10 - 11 in Andalusia, AL

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Hosted by the Andalusia Rotary Club, the two-day tournament will draw players from Alabama and across the south and midwest, who will compete for trophies and cash totaling over \$20,000.

"The new tournament site at the Kiwanis Fair Complex in Andalusia offers expanded facilities, ample parking and modern accommodations," said tourney co-chairman Bill Becker.

There will also be an arts and



PRESENTING TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS to ESIC students was (far left) David Johnson, Student Coordinator at ESIC; receiving the scholarships were students (l-r): Teressa A. James, Daleville; Deborah L. McCollough, Jack Bertha, Jon Smith, Geneva; Ariston V. Tyler, Elba; Mistie D. Fisher, Enterprise; and Melissa J. Dunn, New Brockton.

State sports festival offers discount card

The Alabama Sports Festival State Games XVI will offer a discount card this summer to save fans and participants money on dining, entertainment and apparel during their stay in Mobile over the Fourth of July weekend.

The discount card, which will sell for only \$8, will be valid from June 25 until July 12 and will be good for up to four people in a group.

Sponsors will include: Adam's Mark Hotel (Player's Sports Bar,

Riverview Cafe and Grill, and Tiffany Rose); Bentley's Place; Broadway Bagels; Eats & Eden/Naturally Yours Cafe; Godfather's Pizza; Joe's Crab Shack; Kenny Rogers Roasters; Mayne's at the Malaga Inn; Port City Brewery; Q-Zar; Alabama Sports Festival Apparel; and Hibbert Sporting Goods.

To order a discount card, simply call (800) 467-0422.

Golf tourney to benefit Aviation Museum

The second annual Army Aviation Museum Benefit golf tournament will be held at the Silver Wings Golf Course, at Ft. Rucker, on June 26, with a shotgun start set for 12:00 (noon) for the estimated field of 144 golfers.

The cost is \$35 per player, with the entry fee to include cart, greens fees, chances to win door prizes, prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin, as well as a food and beverage card.

The tournament format will be a 4-person scramble (pick your own team, singles welcome), with cash prizes to be given away based upon the number of teams entered. The team handicap will be based on the average handicap of the team, with the maximum handicap being 25 for men and 35 for women.

Registration will be open until 10:00 AM the day of the tournament, and to register call 334-255-9539.

Military News

DAVIS GRADUATES FROM MARINE MEDICAL COURSE

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Garry S. Davis, son of Carolyn Silar of Elba, recently graduated from Field Medical Service Technician Course at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the seven-week course, Davis learned how to operate with Marine Corps combat units as a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician. He learned the specifics of battlefield survival and personal protective measures. He also learned the basic infantry tactics and how to use weapons for self-defense.

Marines depend on Navy corpsmen and dental technicians such as Davis to provide quality medical care when serving around the world.

The 1997 graduate of Enterprise High School joined the Navy in July, 1997.

MCCOLLOUGH GRADUATES FROM MILITARY BASIC

Army National Guard Pvt. Mark J. McCollough has graduated from basic military training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

McCollough is the son of Mark G. and Cathy McCollough of Rt. 1, Enterprise. He is a 1997 graduate of New Brockton High School.

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LITTLE MISS COFFEE County Brooke Forehand, Enterprise; Miss Coffee County Jasmyn Gordon, Enterprise. Brooke and Jasmyn will represent Coffee County in the National Peanut Festival in October.



ABOVE (l-r): Future Little Miss Coffee County Saige Arnette, New Brockton; Teen Miss Deanna Camley, Enterprise; Petite Miss Ashlyn Jones, Enterprise



THE ELBA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS were installed June 9 by past District Governor Lion Filmore of Daleville. Pictured, front row (l-r): Incoming President, Charles Eastburn; 2nd-year director Grady Farris; Past President Fred Moore; Secretary M.V. Miles; Past District Governor Lion Filmore; and Tail Twister Richard Moss; Second Row, (l-r): 3rd Vice President Charles Farris; 1st Vice President Richard Patterson; Zone Chairman Glenn Samuel; 2nd Vice President Robert Glover; 2-year Director Rex Boutwell; Not shown Treasurer Bill Thompson; 2-year Director Ron Young; 1-year Director Casey Patterson; and Lion Tamer Mark Coleman

Garden rotation is the key to growing success

RICHARD PETCHER
County Extension Agent
Most Coffee County gardeners have a pea patch of southern peas and butterbeans, second a corn patch and third, a small plot of all the other vegetables. They then rotate these three plots.

This doesn't fit everyone, but it works well for those who rotate their garden in this three-year rotation. The first thing to do is decide which vegetables you would like to grow. Then fit them into a good rotation.

Second, it is important to know the vegetable families. Many vegetables belong to the same family. For example, watermelons and squash are in the Cucurbit family so you don't want to plant watermelons where you planted squash last year. Nematode and diseases build up while soil nutrients are depleted when planting the same family of vegetables in the same location two years in a row.

Here is an easy guide to grouping vegetables by families for successful rotation.

1. **LEGUMINOSAE:** garden peas, field peas, lima beans, butterbeans, soybeans, pole beans
2. **SOLANACEOUS:** potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, pepper
3. **CRUCIFERAE:** cabbage, collards, cauliflower, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, rutabaga, mustard greens, kohlrabi, radish
4. **AMARYLLIDACEAE:** chives, leeks, onions, shallots, garlic
5. **GRAMINEAE:** sweet corn, field corn, pop corn
6. **CONVOLVULACEAE:** sweet potato
7. **CUCURBITACEAE:** watermelons, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, honeydew, acorn squash
8. **MALVACEAE:** okra
9. **UMBELLIFERAE:** carrots, fennel, parsley, celery, parsnip
10. **CHENOPODIACEAE:** beet, Swiss chard, spinach

You may want to add to your garden rotation scheme a green manure crop. Millet works good in the summer and rye, wheat or oats work well in the winter.

Another good strategy is to save a bare spot in July or August that you can cover with clear plastic and let the sun solarize your soil, killing nematodes, disease organisms and weed seeds.

Most crops do best on a one-in-seven-year rotation. Most of us do not have that luxury. But any steps you take to rotate your garden will be worthy investments. All the money you spend purchasing more fertilizer or chemicals to control disease and insects will not outweigh the benefits you will gain from a good garden rotation.

Agent tells of upcoming meeting dates

Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

Each Tuesday and Friday Morning (as of June 9) - Coffee County Farmers Market in New Brockton
Thursday, June 25 - Peanut Scout School will be held at the Experiment Station in Headland, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Peanut specialists from Auburn University will be speakers.
Monday, June 29 - Watermelon Field Day in New Brockton. Tour

10 - 12, begin at Farm Center in New Brockton; visit two fields. Speakers - Dr. Joe Kamble, Auburn vegetable specialist, and Eric Simmon, Auburn vegetable variety specialist.
Tuesday, June 30 - Coffee and Geneva County Cotton Scout School. To meet at Coffee Cotton Gin, Enterprise, at 9 a.m., visit three cotton fields in Coffee and Geneva County. Dutch lunch at Wright Place in Samson. Dr. Ron Smith and other Auburn specialists will speak.



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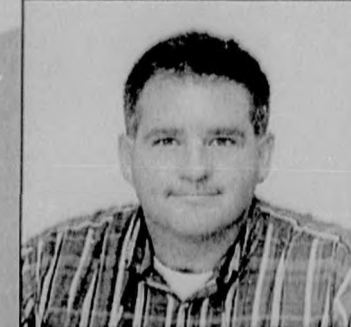
The Crocker family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 12 at the American Legion Building on the Troy Highway, in Elba, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
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For more information call 897-6871, Ralph Crocker.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract. The Housing Authority of the City of Elba By: Pamela Bedsole, Executive Director May 22, 1998 6-25,7-2,9crg

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Loan No.: DL-B 4098083007

On May 28, 1990, Edwin C. Lowery, Jr. and William A. Oggs, Jr., as President and Secretary, respectively, of Martin's, Inc., an Alabama corporation executed and delivered to the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States, a Mortgage on certain real estate located in Coffee County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was filed for record on May 29, 1990, in the office of Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in Mortgage Book 93A at Pages 17-20.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, there will be sold by said U.S. Small Business Administration, as Mortgages, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Thursday, July 9, 1998, the following described real property, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: A storehouse and lot or parcel of land lying on the West side of Court Street and on the South side of Simmons Street in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West side of Court Street and the South side of Simmons Street and running thence South along said Court Street 24.65 feet, thence North along the East side of said alley 24.65 feet to the South side of Simmons Street; thence East along the South side of Simmons Street 90.8 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2: A storehouse and lot or parcel of land lying on the West side of Court Street in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama, Contractors' license numbers shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted. Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract. The Housing Authority of the City of Elba By: Pamela Bedsole, Executive Director May 22, 1998 6-25,7-2,9crg

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Elba chapter of AARP holds meeting at Gilmer's farm

Members of the Elba Chapter of AARP recently enjoyed a picnic with Nell and Jim Gilmer at Whispering Pines Farm in the Curtis Community. The chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center and enjoys a covered dish dinner.

Those enjoying the picnic and beautiful sunset on the Gilmer's lake, included: Wilson and Addieleen Newman, John Glenn and Mary Alice Lee, Donald and Allene Lee, Floyd and Marjorie Morrow, Sherry and Ollie Ray Martin, Elaine Thompson, Quim Whitman, Lillian Taylor, Lloyd and Cupidean Crook, Ralph and Pat Sharpless, Ralph Crocker, Cecil Bowden, Charles and Gene Gilmer, Nell, Jim and James Gilmer.

The next meeting will be July 21 at the Elba Senior Center. Speakers will be Kenneth and Katrina Calhoun who will discuss independent living for seniors. Anyone wishing to join the group may call any of the members. Guests and new members are welcome.

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Thomas A. Brown has graduated from the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) at Ft. Rucker. Brown is the son of Jean E. Brown, Rt. 3, Elba, Ala. He is a 1978 graduate of Elba High School. His wife Karen is the daughter of Willie and Louise Crittenden of Opp.

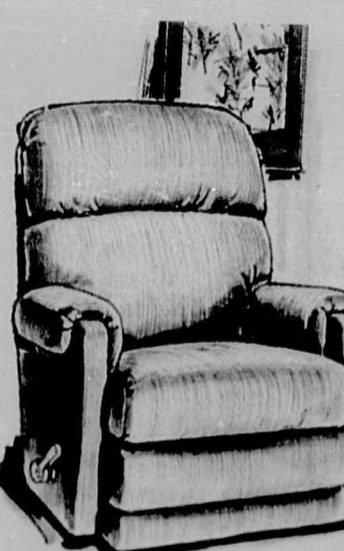
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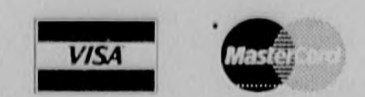
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Elba City Council opens meeting with executive session

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting opened with another executive session Monday night after council member Ronny Hammond questioned recent personnel actions by police chief R. W. Whitworth. The closed session lasted for 38 minutes. As the council reconvened, Mayor James Grimes announced there was no action to be taken by the council, as the parties involved would try to work out the problems between themselves.

Whitworth also told council members the police department was close to getting back into their downtown offices. The communications equipment is being installed and telephone service was promised for this week.

The council approved an ordinance officially transferring the old high school gym property to the Industrial Development Board. They in turn, are working with Worth Tent Supply on the expansion of their operation. Worth will move their tent making operation into the gym, while expanding their weaving operation in their present location at the former middle school building.

Grimes told council members of two options in forming a committee to complete the planning work needed to qualify Elba for the FEMA buy-out funds expected to be available within the next few months.

He noted the council could act as the committee or he could appoint the local members of the governors disaster recovery task force to make recommendations to the city council. He recommended the latter, as this group is already familiar with the system. However, he noted that himself and council member Winzell Gray could only serve as advisory members of this committee.

The council approved the seven members of the task force as the committee to make long range plan recommendations, subject to final approval by the city council. The members are Doris Matthews, Barbara Hudson, Mary Nell McMillian, Drexel Cook, Paul Morrow, Robert Stephens and Ferrin Cox. Both Grimes and Gray will serve in an advisory capacity with this committee. Gray abstained from voting on the motion, all other members approved the action.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the gate has been installed on the inside of the drain pipe in the old Beaver Dam Creek Bed. This will give the added safety feature of allowing the closing of the water flow from inside the levee, as well as on the river side. It will also allow for blocking the water flow of drain water to test the functions of the pumps on a regular basis.

The Caroline Street Bridge repairs have been completed and the bridge is again open, Morrow announced. He also said that bids have been let on repaving the school access road bridge approach.

Grimes told council members that the Corp of Engineers expects to let bids about July 1st on the \$426,400 levee re-hab project. This will add gates on nine additional drain pipes, allowing them to be closed from the inside. There will also be some stump removal and grassing involved. Grimes said Governor Fob James has confirmed state help in funding Elba's \$149,200 share of this project.

Several Bros Club members were present to complain about the proposed location of restroom facilities

at the Mulberry ballpark. One member said it would be 30 feet from his front door and other locations would do just as well. Council members agreed for Council member Ben Carpenter to work with the community and city employees to move the bathroom location to a more desirable location.

Grimes told council members that concerns for traffic problems at the 4-way stop on Martin Luther King Drive and Jackson Street has no easy solution. He said a traffic signal was not practical so the city planned to try speed bumps as part of the continuing effort to slow traffic at this intersection.

Council members agree with a recommendation by Grimes that the city not consider donating the concrete bleachers at the old football field to another community. Council members pointed out that the bleachers are still used regularly in the city recreation program. Grimes said Pleasant Home is beginning a new football program and had asked about the bleachers.



YOUNG LEADERS . . . Pictured are Christopher Sasser and Jeremy Sasser, Coffee County Youth who attended the Alabama Farmers Federation's 1998 Youth Leadership Conference June 8 - 10 at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana. Shown with them is advisor Kathy Boyzeman. The three-day conference featured speakers, as well as workshops on leadership training, citizenship and self-motivation. The students, ranging in ages from 15 - 19, were selected in recognition of their leadership skills and good citizenry in their communities.

D.A. warns citizens and businesses of scam

Mark Fuller, District Attorney of 12th Judicial Circuit, is warning private citizens and business owners about organizations and individuals representing themselves as legitimate businesses from the country of Nigeria.

Individuals are soliciting financial relationships on the promise of making money for both themselves and the persons solicited.

"All correspondence that has been reviewed appears to be no more than a scam in an effort to steal money," D.A. Fuller said. He added that both the F.B.I. and the U.S. Secret Service are attempting to take measures to combat these acts of thievery.

District Attorney Fuller advises that anyone receiving any correspondence that they feel is questionable should contact his office or the Attorney General's office immediately.

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only will the county benefit from these grant funds but that both Elba and Enterprise will be receiving funds also.

"We have not received the funds from ADECA as yet, but they have been awarded and approved by ADECA," said Fuller. "The benefit that we're getting out of the task force grant is that no other agency in the state got any appropriations for any equipment. . . we're going to get three new vehicles in Coffee County paid for by the ADECA grant."

The commissioners, after a short discussion, approved Sheriff Moates' request for the matching funds.

Engineer Tindell asked for and received a resolution allowing him to make application for state funds to be used in the countywide highway leveling project which has already been initiated.

He also asked that bids be sent

out for the construction of cell 4 at the county landfill, the repair of eight (8) more NRCS flood repair sites (located on Co. Rds. 415, 682, 492, & 477), and for supplying pipe to the highway department.

In general business for the commissioners, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens asked that the commission approve the purchase of air conditioner units for the voting location in the old Mulberry Heights School in Elba at a cost of \$850.00 and that a unit be installed in the County Extension office at a cost of \$550.00. Both were approved.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook told commissioners that the county employee handbook had been completed and was ready to be implemented.

The motion by Chairman Stephens to adopt this handbook (policy manual) as of July 1, 1998,

and to repeal all policies adopted by previous commissions that may be in conflict with the manual was carried. The vote was 5-2.

The commission adjourned to sign bills. The next commission meeting will be Monday, July 13, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

Other matters of business acted on by the commissioners were as follows:

***Awarded the bid for supplying plant mix to the highway department to Couch Construction of Dothan. Their bid was \$844,510.00.

***The lone bid for traffic striping was received from Ozark Striping and it was tabled in order to allow the county engineer to negotiate with the contractor. Their bid was \$162,979.40.

The motion by Chairman Stephens to adopt this handbook

Foster grandparents to begin training program

Human Resource Development Corporation will begin training persons who wish to become involved in the Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion program.

Persons 60 years old or older may participate in the session beginning July 6 at the Dothan HRDC beginning at 9 a.m., and those interested should call the office at 793-9044 before the meeting, or send name, address and phone number to Cindy Roney, P.O. Box 636, Dothan, AL 36302.

"Foster grandparents," according to Delia Wood-Holloway, Director of the FGP/SCP, are "trained seniors placed with one or two children at a time who have a problem in their development - maybe at risk in math - or having difficulty with colors or shapes."

These seniors can help children and at the same time be helped themselves - read to them, or just listen to them, one on one - giving love and attention.

The Senior Companion program benefits those homebound seniors who may not be as active as they once were, due to health or emotional problems.

These two programs, adminis-

tered by HRDC, have the same guidelines:

1- Senior adults must be under the federal guidelines of income to receive the \$2.55 per hour stipend.

2- Volunteers receive 40 hours training prior to placement when possible, and attend a 4-hour monthly in-service training.

3- Volunteers are continuously updated on changes in Social Security, SSL, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, health and local programs.

4- A supplemental accident insurance coverage is provided. Some volunteers receive a meal at their site; some carpool - some sites provide transportation. Volunteers are recognized once a year at a banquet, and enjoy a Christmas party.

Applicants from the immediate areas of Elba and New Brockton are sought, as well as from surrounding communities.

Stinsons to sing at Country Cathedral

Willie and Wanda Stinson of Georgiana will be in concert at Country Cathedral Sunday, June 28, to begin at 6 p.m. There is no admission.

RE-ELECT FOB JAMES

Fob James
Republican Governor

Dear Citizens of Coffee County,

I am asking for your support in continuing my efforts to improve Alabama's K-12 public education program. None of us can accomplish this task by working alone, we must all work together to make a difference. I need your help.

Much confusion has been created by my opponent regarding education, and as your education governor, I would like to set the record straight, county by county.

Since you elected me Governor in 1994, my administration has provided to Coffee County's K-12 students:

- 22 new teachers and reduced class sizes
- 36 new buses for safe transportation to and from school
- \$6.2 million for capital construction and the elimination of portable classrooms
- An additional \$6.6 million per year increase in state funds
- More authority to their teachers to discipline when necessary

All of this has been accomplished with no new taxes for Alabama taxpayers!

I will deeply appreciate your vote on Tuesday, June 30th. Reelect a Governor who will continue to put Alabama's students first!

Sincerely,

Fob James, Jr.
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Fob James — Alabama's Education Governor

Pol. Adv. by Coffee County Friends of Fob James, P.O. Box 311450, Enterprise, AL 36331

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- 1989 Landau 18-ft. Pontoon Boat, 45 HP, Tilt, Trim, Troll Motor
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- 1994 Wet JET Duo 200
- Various other small o/b.s.
- Brown walk-behind self-propelled Trencher, 12 HP, Kohler
- Hyster Warehouse Forklift with 3000 lb. capacity
- 1987 Chevrolet Astro Van 4.3 V6 auto trans. Work van. Good condition
- 17-ft. Commander Fish'n Ski boat I/O Mercruiser
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